

## REMARKS

### Election/Restrictions

In the Office Action, a Restriction was made between Group I, Claims 1-17 and 21 and Group II, Claims 18-20. Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-17 and 21. This Election is made without traverse.

### Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for prosecution and reconsideration and prosecution are respectfully requested.


### Conclusion

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition,

appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is  
given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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